



August 18, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates

- August 23 | Elder Training: Communion
- August 25 | Webinar: The Ministry Toolbox
- August 30 | Installation of Rev. Liz Corsig at Unity Presbyterian
- August 30 | Ice Cream Fundraiser For the Presbyterian Synod of Syria and Lebanon
- September 3 | SC5 Leader of Leaders
- September 14 | Legacy of Faith Nominations Due

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Now Available: Virtual Stated Meeting Summary

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Legacy of Faith Awards

The Legacy of Faith Award Luncheon is a long-standing Providence Presbytery tradition which honors individuals who have shown the love of God through their work within their respective churches and the presbytery. Churches may honor an older adult individual, or a married couple actively modeling a Legacy of Faith in your community.

Hosted by Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church

October 6th, 2026 11a.m. - 1p.m.

Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church Family Life Center

1184 North Shiloh Road, York, SC 29745

Menu: Taco Bar with beef and chicken and all the extras. Dessert is nut free cookies or brownies. Drinks: tea, lemonade, or water.

The cost is \$10 per person. We ask churches make one reservation for everyone attending. Space is limited.

Call 803-693-4160 for reservation for the luncheon by October 1st, 2026.

Nominate honoree(s) by September 14th, 2026 via email:

leebarnewell64@gmail.com. Please type Legacy of Faith Honoree and your church name in the subject of the email. Use up to 200 words to explain why you chose your nominee and please attach a photograph for the program.

You may honor an individual that has entered the Church triumphant as long as it has been since October 2025.

New website will enable churches and mid councils to easily prove their federal tax-exempt status

LOUISVILLE — A new website designed to help Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) churches and mid councils easily obtain a group inclusion letter which demonstrates their federal tax-exempt or 501(c)(3) status is now available.

[READ MORE](#)



PLEASE JOIN US

for our next

COMMUNITY TABLE



Dinner & Conversations

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Oakland Hall

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church | 421 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill SC

Doors will open at 5:00 pm followed by Dinner, light-hearted fun & conversation

The Vision of the Community Table is to be a Beloved Community of diversity and equity who come together to address issues of injustice(s) within our community in a peaceful and compassionate way that honors the dignity of all."

There is no cost to attend this event.

Dinner will begin at 5:15; vegetarian & GF friendly
Donations welcome to help cover the meal.

Seating is limited - RSVPs encouraged by 8/26/2026

visit <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/SRA6amX7Kj>
or scan the QR code to register



Sponsored by OAPC Disciples Against Racism, St Mary's Social Justice Ministry
and the Community Builders Coalition.

Scan for event
registration



Click to Register

**From The Committee on Racial and Religious
Reconciliation (CRRR)**

Deadline Monday!

THE JOHN C. AND QUEEN MILLER **SCHOLARSHIP**

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

- ✓ The John C. and Queen Miller Scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,500. This scholarship is awarded annually and may be divided among multiple recipients.
- ✓ Applicants should be of African American/Black descent **AND** a member of one of the churches in Providence Presbytery.

**THE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND
ON PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY'S
WEBSITE UNDER THE FORMS MENU.**



[Apply Now](#)

Upcoming Community Event

THE 1526 PROJECT

RESISTANCE AT 500

The 1526 Project is a study of rebellion on this continent over the past 500 years as a counter witness to the celebration of empire being marked by this year's America 250 events. It uses this empire's birthday as a foil to celebrate something far more awesome: people rising up against oppression and evil, century after century.

Developed by the same people who brought us *Confronting Whiteness*, it includes familiar figures like Frederick Douglas and John Brown, as well as lesser known stories about The Guale Nation, Bois Caïman, and the Creole peoples. Join us for an introduction to and overview of the Project, a selection of key stories and short discussions presented by Jim Thompson.

August 27, 2026 @ 6:30pm
Executive Hall, Freedom Center
215 E. Main St.
Rock Hill, SC
(enter from Oakland Ave.)

Upcoming Book Read

Committee on Racial & Religious Reconciliation (CRRR)

The Color of Compromise Book Read

Two opportunities to participate:

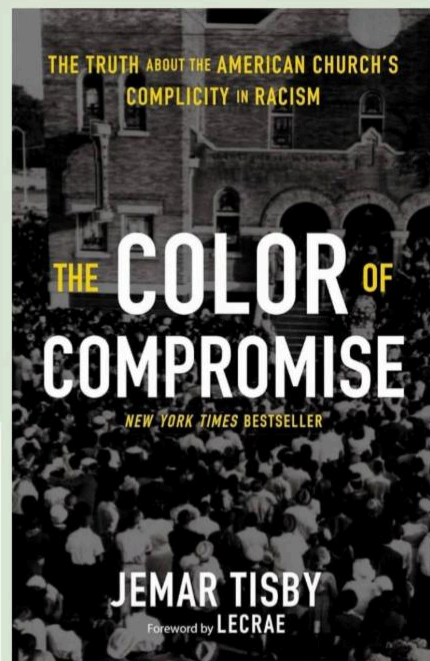
Group 1: Led by Sue Smith at Oakland Ave. Presbyterian Church, 421 Oakland Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730. This group will meet in person, beginning on Wednesday, September 9th, at 4:00 p.m.

Group 2: Led by Rev. Molly Spangler on Zoom.

This group will meet on Zoom for six weeks, beginning on Wednesday, September 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

Molly's email:

mbspangler@unityfortmill.org



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SC5 Leader of Leaders Event
September 3, 2026
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.*

Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church
530 St Andrews Rd
Columbia, SC



In the description of the early Church in Acts 2:43-47, the word *all* is used more than once. The *whole* church was part of the awe-inspiring work being done by the Holy Spirit through the apostles and church members. *All* means everyone -- from the youngest to the oldest, across generations. Join us for a day focused on engaging *all* the church -- the *whole* church -- in ministry.

*Registration, refreshments, and fellowship from 9:00 to 9:30.

[Register Now](#)



COMMUNION TRAINING FOR ELDERS

This special training will equip Ruling Elders to preside over the sacrament of Communion. Elders in smaller congregations or those currently without clergy will find this especially helpful.

SUNDAY, AUG 23 | 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN
421 OAKLAND AVENUE
ROCK HILL, SC 29732



RSVP:

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Please click the flyer above to register or visit bit.ly/4eGzPdc

Please contact Rev. Steve Simon with questions:

steve49534@gmail.com

(509) 993-3294 (call/text)

Webinar: The Ministry Toolbox

Getting Ready for Fall Stewardship: Best Practices for Cultivating Generosity with Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley

Tuesday, August 25th 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

[Click here to join](#)

What if stewardship season wasn't a budget necessity, but a pathway to spiritual formation for your congregation? As fall stewardship approaches, this interactive webinar invites pastors and church leaders across Providence Presbytery to reframe generosity as a practice that shapes people toward Christlikeness.

Rooted in Scripture and grounded in a theology of abundance, Steve will walk us through the three pillars of a generous church, using storytelling, reflection, and practical tools you can put to use right away. Whether you're planning your congregation's fall campaign or simply looking to deepen the conversation about generosity in your church, you'll leave with concrete practices to help nurture a lasting culture of generosity — just in time for the season ahead.



[View Upcoming Workshops](#)

Grant Opportunities

**Church Financial Leadership Grants
Through The Lilly Endowment Inc.
National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges
Facing Pastoral Leaders**



Church Financial Leadership Grants available now

If you are a pastor, commissioned ruling elder (CRE), a leader of a 1001 New Worshiping Community or a member of a stewardship team we have Church Financial Leadership Grants available for you. The grants will enable you to institute best practices for church financial leadership, introduce you to new models of giving and stewardship, and offer you new ways to talk about money and form generous disciples within your church.

Who can apply?

PCUSA pastors
Commissioned Ruling Elders
1001 New Worshiping Community leaders
Church member attending the event with their pastor
What do the funds cover?

The grants are matching funds to help cover half of the cost of:

Registration fees
Transportation
Lodging
Meals
Other expenses

The other half of the funds will need to be provided by the church or another source.

What events can I use the funds for?

Stewardship Kaleidoscope
Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) through the Lake Institute
Other church financial leadership events (subject to approval)

What is the deadline?

For Stewardship Kaleidoscope, we are asking that applications be sent in by Monday, August 17 so that we have time to process the application and send out the funds prior to the start of the event. Applications received after the deadline or for the ECRF program will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Once we receive your application, it may take up to six weeks to process.

More Information

The grants were made possible from the Foundation's work as part of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders.

[Download This As A PDF](#)

[Get More Information](#)

[View The Application](#)

World Communion Offering grant season opens Sept. 7 for any council of the church to apply, regardless of their participation in the offering. More detailed information about the

grant applications, process, and timeline is available through the office of Special Offerings and the Mid Council Grants.

Look for [more information about the World Communion Offering grants](#) on the Special Offerings website.

Fall Registration Open!



SC5 School of Theology

Sponsored by the Five Presbyteries of South Carolina



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Support Our Friends In Lebanon

Join us for an afternoon of homemade ice cream, cookies, & sweet fellowship to benefit Syria-Lebanon Partnership Network

8/30 at 3pm - Tirzah Presbyterian Fellowship Hall (180 Tirzah Rd., York, SC) – Bring cash or checks to vote for your favorite flavors. All offerings received will go directly to support the ministry efforts of our sister Presbytery in Lebanon (the Presbyterian Synod of Syria and Lebanon) as they seek to share the love of Christ with those affected by continued conflicts & forced displacement in the Middle East. Questions... contact Carrie Blanchard: carrie@tirzah.church

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us for this special event as we welcome Dr. Martin Accad, President of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon and hear stories of how God's work is alive and thriving in Christian and Presbyterian communities in Lebanon and Syria. Learn how the current crisis in Lebanon is affecting Christians and people of other faiths.

The Near East School of Theology (NEST) is a vibrant seminary in the heart of Beirut. Come learn how this seminary not only educates people for ministry but also reaches out into its local community as the hands and feet of Jesus, especially in times of uncertainty and war.

Providence Presbytery has a long-standing relationship with NEST, spanning thirty years of connection. Come discover how we can share the story of Christian service with our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and at NEST.

Join us as we experience an engaging conversation with Dr. Accad

**Friday evening, September 18th at 7:00 pm.
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1830 Celanese Road, Rock Hill, SC.**



***Near East School of Theology faculty and students
reaching out to displaced Lebanese in their neighborhood/***

[Click to Register](#)

New Mission Neighborhood Booklet

Providence Presbytery has many opportunities for members to join in God's kingdom work. We invite you to read and share our Mission Neighborhood Booklet and find a way you and your congregation can get involved!

[View Our Booklet](#)

Free Strategic Planning Workshop From Yale Divinity School

From Mission to Momentum: Strategic Planning for Faith Communities with the Rev. Jean-Fritz Guerrier
Zoom | October 14 | 12 - 1:30 pm Eastern

This interactive webinar will help participants distinguish strategic leadership from routine operations; assess institutional strengths, assets, stakeholders, and emerging needs; translate mission into priorities; and connect resources, inputs, outputs, outcomes, and indicators in a way that strengthens accountability without diminishing spiritual purpose.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Employment Opportunity

Unity Presbyterian Church - Part-Time Receptionist

Unity Presbyterian Church, Fort Mill is seeking a Receptionist for the church office. This part-time, 18-hour a week, Monday-Thursday position ensures that church members, friends, and visitors are welcomed and promptly cared for through telephone, email, door access, and in-person interaction. In addition, this position assists with a variety of administrative projects and manages the church office work areas, equipment, supplies, and storage.

If you would like to apply or if you know anyone who might be interested, please reach out to Dr. Matt Rich (mrich@unityfortmill.org) for more information.

2026 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

- November 8, 2026 | Riverview Presbyterian, Fort Mill, SC | 2:30 p.m.

Providence Presbytery Staff Members

Executive Presbyter: [Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley](#)

Stated Clerk: [Rev. Dr. David Bender](#)

Business Administrator: [Rose Lemmons-Berry](#)

Technology & Communications Coordinator: [Katie Rutland](#)

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Do you have content or announcements for the Presbytery Newsletter? It will be published every other Tuesday. Please send items to be included to [Katie](#) no later than the Friday before publication.

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